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Monday, June 26, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 24, 2000, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including June 24, 2000, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 52 and 54, without prejudice.

49. (Twice Amended) A therapeutic vaccine composition comprising [an] a therapeutic effective amount of:

a composition comprising at least one purified recombinant HCV single or specific oligomeric recombinant envelope proteins selected from the group consisting of <u>an</u> E1 protein <u>and an</u> E2 protein [and E1/E2 complex]; and optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.

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